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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time, to and including August 4, 2003 (August 3, 2003 being a Sunday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21), to respond to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-3425 in the amount of \$110.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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